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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Further to the Notice of Appeal received by the Office February 23, 2004, and responsive to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, entry of the following Amendment and remarks is earnestly solicited. An extension of time for five (5) months from the due date of the Appeal Brief is respectfully requested. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and appropriate fees, are filed herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.